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ENGAGING OF CONSULTANTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Eastern Railway has planned to appoint a consultant for conducting a thorough study of passenger traffic pattern to rationalize the train services especially mail/express trains ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. South Eastern Railway proposesto conduct a thorough study of passenger traffic pattern including demand and compliance as well as unfulfilled demand in various routes and to rationalize coaching services so as to provide the best possible services to the passengers in meeting their demand. The broad features of the scheme proposed is to rationalize the train services both in number of trains as well as in their compositions to fulfill the demands, especially in the case of Mail/Express trains. It is proposed to base the study mainly on data available in Passenger Reservation System.Since it is not possible for South Eastern Railway on their own to do this comprehensive study satisfactorily, it is proposed to engage reputed consultant for this purpose. However, no consultancy contract has yet been awarded.